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Applicants: Malhotra et al.

Title: Magnetic Recording Medium Having Novel Underlayer Structure

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Commissioner for Patents

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2006, please amend the claims as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 25, 31 and 34 because of the language "sufficiently free of boron such that said third bcc underlayer causes said medium to exhibit reduced noise." Office Action, page 2. Applicants have canceled these claims.

The Examiner recommended that Applicants replace the phrase "substantially free of boron" and "free of boron" with "substantially lacking boron" and "lacking boron." Office Action, page 3. Applicants have done so. Applicants have also moved the limitations of dependent claim 27 into parent claim 1, canceled claim 27, moved the limitations of dependent claim 29 into parent claim 12, canceled claim 29, moved the limitations of dependent claim 32 into parent claim 19, canceled claim 19, and rewritten claims 4, 30 and 33 in independent form. These changes do not require further search or consideration.

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